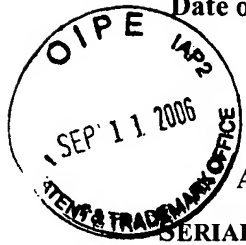


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 9, 2006, Applicant submits this Amendment and Response. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee. This response should be timely if filed by September 11, 2006. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicant believes no further fee is due at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 28747-501 NATL, Customer No. 30623.

Amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.